UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

FACULTY SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Friday, 15 December 2023

8:30 am

via Zoom (https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/94925175087?from=addon)

Attendance: Paik, Brewer, Trim, Messier, Hoagland, Olsen, Verock.

1. Minutes

   Approve minutes of the 17 November 2023 meeting submitted by Eric Berlin.

The minutes were approved as amended.

2. Agenda items for the 8 February 2023 Faculty Senate meeting

   a. Presentation about Academic Honesty by AMC (15 minutes)

   b. Preliminary report and presentation by Taskforce on Childcare Needs (15 minutes)

c. Search and evaluation procedures (with additional amendments)

    i. Rule Committee will draft amendments to address concerns, including:

        1. term limits

        2. include/merge college lecturer review and promotion committee for deans searches

        3. librarian representation (already established)

        4. Procedures will supercede conflicting departmental bylaws

        5. Should Colleges have bylaws? Perhaps something to bring up with the administration.

    ii. May not be ready for a vote at the next meeting.

    iii. Secretary will develop a list of issues

    iv. Secretary will offer a presentation at the next meeting

3. Winter approvals

    a. LABOR 618 Labor and Public Policy 07/11/2023 (ref #10522) https://cps.provost.umass.edu/umacps/proposal/downloadReport/10522

Rules Committee may approve courses when Faculty Senate is not in session: approved unanimously.

The Rules Committee exhorts Councils and Committees to sync their activity with the schedule of the Faculty Senate.

4. Guest: listening session for VC-EI Search with Isaccson, Miller (Keight Tucker Kennedy and Alexis Ditaway)

Tabled until guest arrives. Guests arrived.

Keight Kennedy: Partner with Isaacson Miller. Work in DEI for executive searches. Listening sessions with stakeholders: some done already. Questions: What would be changed by hiring new person?

5. Discussion items

a. Appointments for CPARC, Ombuds Search, Community Engagement Task Force, Secretary ad hoc, Ad Hoc Committee on Political Statements

i. Still one vacancy for Chair of CPARC: the Secretary looking for names.

ii. One identified and two more needed for Ombud's Search.

iii. Candidate identified for Rules Committee slot of Community Engagement Task Force

iv. Three people identified for Secretary Search Committee

v. One identified and two more needed for Ad Hoc Committee on Political Statements

Subsequent agenda items tabled until the next meeting

b. Medical excuses

c. Reviewing the General education system: next steps

d. Senate consultation (equity action plans, assessment, tuition waivers, and budget related issues)

e. CHC requests

f. Bylaws updates